

FIRING RANGE BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES JULY 21, 2020 6:00 P.M.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Vinnie Loffredo called Meeting to Order.

Members Present: Councilman Vinnie Loffredo, Chairman

Councilman Philip Pessina, Vice Chairman

Councilman Darnell Ford

Joseph Bibisi

Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger Acting Chief of Police Michael Timbro

Member Absent: Barbara McAuliffe

Staff Present: Captain John Lozefski, MPD

Christopher Holden, Public Works

Guests Present: Richardson Price, Special Agent for the F.B.I.

Judy Driscoll, Acting Administrative Officer for the F.B.I.

At this time, Chairman Loffredo announced that Jennifer Mahr resigned from the Firing Range Building Committee (FRBC) via E-mail to the Mayor's Office, on July 8, 2020; that as a result, there is now a vacancy in the FRBC.

2. Approval of the Minutes (June 16, 2020)

Councilman Pessina made a Motion to approve the FRBC Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2020; Seconded by Fire Chief Kronenberger. Mr. Bibisi abstained. There being no further discussion or objection, Motion approved.

3. Public Comment Opens

None

4. Old Business

a) F.B.I. Update

Chairman Loffredo gave a very brief synopsis of the previous FRBC Meeting, then turned it over to the F.B.I.

Special Agent Price stated that he learned on Saturday that the "Hail Mary" attempt to get the full funding for this project did not work. Instead, they got the \$30,000.00 to reimburse Middletown for the Feasibility Study, and should be getting said money in the F.B.I.'s account sometime this week, where they will then transfer it to Middletown by the end of this week or the middle of next week, so a vendor could be selected. He added that they (F.B.I. / Middletown Firing Range) are supposed to be one of the top three (3) priorities for the F.B.I.'s Fiscal Year 2021, which begins in October (2020).

Officer Driscoll confirmed what Special Agent Price stated. Special Agent Price added that Dave LaRosa, the F.B.I.'s Facilities representative, is willing to meet in subsequent meetings; that he's the person that's able to say if something's going to or not going to occur.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Loffredo asked Special Agent Price if he could E-mail the list of the other firing range companies the F.B.I. does business with, so the FRBC could review same.

4. Old Business (cont'd)

a) F.B.I. Update

Special Agent Price said that he would.

Captain Lozefski stated that he's pretty sure an MOU was already drafted and sent to Legal; but that he would research same and get back to them. After another brief Q&A/discussion, Mr. Bibisi made a Motion to accept the \$30,000.00 from the F.B.I.; Seconded by Councilman Ford. There being discussion or objection, Motion approved unanimously.

b) Report of Range Activity

Captain Lozefski said that other than the normal usage at the Firing Range, he had nothing further to report. Chairman Loffredo asked if he had received any *(noise)* complaints since the last FRBC Meeting. Captain Lozefski replied in the negative. A brief Q&A/discussion followed.

5. New Business

a) Discussion of the Future of the Firing Range

Chairman Loffredo briefly went over all of the previous items that were just discussed in this meeting. He added that the FRBC would meet again on August 18th.

6. Meeting Adjourned

Councilman Pessina made a Motion to adjourn; Seconded by Mr. Bibisi. There being no discussion or objection, Motion approved.

Next Firing Range Building Committee Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Rosa B. Perichi

Staff